

Appl. No. 09/214,851
Response dated December 7, 2005
Reply to Office action of November 2, 2005

REMARKS:

By the present amendment, claims 19, 23 and 27 have been amended to remove the term "(racumin)". This amendment has been made to remove redundancy from claims 19, 23 and 27 and in no way alters the scope of these claims.

The amendments made to the claims have been made without prejudice and without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's objections. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the claims as a result of these amendments. Entry of the claim amendments is respectfully requested.

The Official Action dated November 11, 2005 has been carefully considered. It is believed that the amended claims submitted herewith and the following comments represent a complete response to the Examiner's rejections and place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

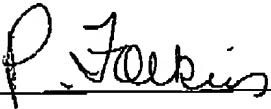
The Examiner has requested that the term "(racumin)" be removed from each of claims 19, 23 and 27. In response, the Applicants have removed this expression from claims 19, 23 and 27 which overcomes the Examiner's objection.

In light of the above amendments, the Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw her formality objection to claims 19, 23 and 27.

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In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, we respectfully submit that the application is in order for allowance and early indication of that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem it beneficial to discuss the foregoing response in greater detail, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Patricia Folkins by telephone at (416) 957-1683 at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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